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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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SUBJECT:SRI LANKA SHIPPING

REF: A) COLOMBO 3324 AND PREVIOUS

B) STATE 266482 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPT. APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EVALUATION IN PARA 3
REFTEL A. ADDITIONAL INPUT TO GSL/CFB DECISION MAY
HAVE BEEN EFFORTS BY TEA ASSOCIATION OF USA TO ENCOURAGE
BOTH SIDES TO RESOLVE IMMEDIATE SURCHARGE ISSUE IN ORDER
GET TRADE MOVING AGAIN.

2. REGARDING AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE'S INVOLVEMENT, DEPT.
ONLY AWARE OF THREE INSTANCES HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT:
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A) HIS OCT. 15 CALL WITH KARANDAWELA AND ELLAWALA ON FMC

CHAIRMAN BENTLEY (STATE 227821); B) HIS INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH CUSAC SECRETARY HAMM AT NOV. 20 LUNCHEON (STATE 256535); AND C) DEPT. OFFICER KUX'S NOV. 20 PHONE CONVERSATION WITH KANAKARATNE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF KANAKARATNE'S VIEWS EXPRESSED TO HAMM IN B) ABOVE. IN THIS LATTER CONVERSATION, KANAKARATNE EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS AT CUSAC'S ATTITUDE AND SEEMED FULLY AWARE DETAILS OF DISPUTE. OUR GUESS IS THAT, BASICALLY, KANAKARATNE HAS STAYED IN BACKGROUND ON THIS ISSUE USING HIS COMMERCIAL OFFICER MELDER TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CONCERNED US PARTIES. KISSINGER

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